GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2195
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2017
Line Doubling and Capacity Expansion
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways has set a daily target of laying 9.5 km of tracks to complete its ambitious line doubling and capacity expansion projects earmarked for the next financial year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is importing US made track laying machines that can lay around 1.5 km of tracks per day as against the 100 meters of tracks the Railways lays manually on an average;

(c) if so, the funds allocated for this purpose;

(d) the total track laying target fixed for the next financial year; and

(e) whether the Government is considering to wind up the long pending projects on priority basis and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2195 BY SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO, DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT, DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN, SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK, SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK AND SHRI JAYADEV GALLA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2017 REGARDING LINE DOUBLING AND CAPACITY EXPANSION

(a): Indian Railways has fixed the target of commissioning of 3500 Km of New Line/Gauge Conversion/Doubling during 2017-18 which works out to be 9.59 Km per day.

(b) & (c): Presently, Indian Railways do not have any plan to import track laying machine that can lay around 1.5 km of tracks per day, from United States of America. However, Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL) has awarded Design Build Lump-sum Contract for Civil, Structure and Track Works Contracts. In these contracts, HARSCO Rail USA is one of the specialized sub-contractors for Mechanized Track Laying. HARSCO Rail is bringing NTC (New Track Construction) Machine for Mechanized Track Laying which is capable of track laying approx. 1.5 km per day. DFCCIL itself is not procuring any NTC on date.

(d): Indian Railways has fixed the target of commissioning of 3500 Km of New Line/Gauge Conversion/Doubling during 2017-18.

(e): Presently, Indian Railways have no such plan to wind up any long pending project.

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